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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF HIGH-LEVEL EQUATORIAL GUINEA DELEGATION TO  
US

REF: YAOUNDE 3403

1. SUMMARY: EG AMBASSADOR ESONO CALLED ON ME ON INSTRUCTIONS PRESIDENT MACIAS TO INFORM ME OF LATTER'S DESIRE TO SEND HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON.

2. ESONO STATED DELEGATION WOULD BE CARRYING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MACIAS TO PRESIDENT FORD WHICH IT WOULD HOPE TO DELIVER TO PRESIDENT. DELEGATION WOULD ALSO WISH TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. GOEG HOPED DELEGATION COULD BE RECEIVED BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

3. I ASKED ESONO IF HE COULD GIVE ME ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON PURPOSE OF MISSION, SUBJECTS IT WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS, AND COMPOSITION. HE SEEMED UNINFORMED ON FIRST TWO POINTS, AND  
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NOTE WHICH HE LEFT WITH ME ALSO SILENT ON THEM. RE COMPOSITION,

HE ASSUMED VICE PRESIDENT NTUTUMU WOULD HEAD DELEGATION AND THOUGHT VICE MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS BONAFACIO NGUEMA ESONO WOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE INCLUDED.

4. I TOLD ESONO THAT I WOULD OF COURSE INFORM MY GOVERNMENT OF THIS REQUEST. PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, I TOLD HIM FRANKLY, WERE VERY OCCUPIED WITH MAJOR DOMESTIC AND WORLD PROBLEMS AND I KNEW FOUND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO MEET WITH THE MANY DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES WHO ASKED TO BE RECEIVED.

5. COMMENT:

(A) BRITISH AMBASSADOR INFORMS ME HE RECEIVED SIMILAR VISIT FROM ESONO WHO SUPPLIED NO FURTHER EXPLANATIONS. I ASSUME THEREFORE THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MISSION IS TO EXPLAIN POSITION OF EG ON GABON AS FORESHADOWED YAOUNDE 3403. IT NOT TO BE EXCLUDED THAT AT SAME TIME MISSION TO US MIGHT MAKE PITCH FOR OPENING AN AMERICAN MISSION IN MALABO AND SEEKING CAPITAL ASSISTANCE.

(B) I CAN APPRECIATE THAT CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD NOT LIKELY BE FEASIBLE NOR WOULD I RECOMMEND IT. US INTERESTS IN EG ARE MINIMAL. NEVERTHELESS THERE IS SOME INTEREST ON PART OF U.S. OIL COMPANIES IN EXPLORATION POSSIBILITIES (YAOUNDE 3443) AND MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ARE USSR, CHINA AND CUBA WHICH SHOW GREAT COURTESY AND ATTENTION TO VISITING EG LEADERS. SINCE EG IS SMALL, ISOLATED AND NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY WHOSE OWN PROBLEMS LOOM DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE, I WOULD HOPE WE COULD DEVELOP FORMULA FOR RECEIVING DELEGATION WHICH GOEG WOULD NOT INTERPRET AS A SLIGHT.

(C) ONE SUCH FORMULA MIGHT BE TO INFORM GOEG THAT PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM (FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM AFRICAN TRIP) TO MEET WITH DELEGATION, REITERATING THE PRESIDENT'S INABILITY TO MEET WITH THEM AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH MAJOR DOMESTIC AND WORLD PROBLEMS, AND MENTIONING ALSO UNPREDICTABILITY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TRAVEL  
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PLANS AND OFFICE SCHEDULE. IF WE COULD SAY THAT DELEGATION WOULD ALSO BE SCHEDULED FOR COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY WITH CAVEAT OF "SHOULD HE BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME" OR BEFORE OR AFTER EASUM MEETINGS, THIS WOULD OF COURSE BE VERY WELL RECEIVED. VICE MINISTER BONAFACIO MENTIONED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY AT LUNCHEON FOR AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AT UNGA IN SEPTEMBER.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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